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Docket No.: 1081.1084

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toyoshi KAWADA, et al.

Serial No. 09/468,639

Group Art Unit: 2674

Confirmation No. 3873

Filed: December 22, 1999

Examiner: Regina Liang

For: PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with an RCE and is in responsive to the FINAL Office Action mailed May 28, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on August 28, 2002. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 28, 2002 -- a Saturday and, hence, the effective due date is further extended to Monday, September 30, 2002, on which the RCE and this Preliminary Amendment are timely filed.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims, in accordance with the following:

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1. ~~(AS TWICE AMENDED HEREIN)~~ A plasma display panel device having first and second electrodes, spaced apart from one another, and a ground power source and performing a display by generating a discharge between said first and second electrodes, said plasma display panel device comprising:
a drive circuit applying a drive voltage pulse between said first and second electrodes;
wherein